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SUBJECT: SUGAR - U.N. SUGAR CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS

REF: LONDON 10162

FOLLOWING PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL:

(A) ALL INDIA CAPACITY FOR HOLDING STOCKS OF SUGAR IS AROUND 3.0 TO 3.1 MILLION METRIC TONS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 55 PERCENT OF THE STORAGE BELONGS TO PRIVATE/PUBLIC SECTORS AND REMAINING 45 PERCENT WITH THE COOPERATIVES.

(B) STORES IN BAGS ONLY.

(C) DURING 1975-76 WHEN INDIA EXPORTED 1.2 MILLION METRIC TONS AT ONE STAGE APPROXIMATELY 100,000 TO 125,000 WAS STORED AT VARIOUS PORTS, WHICH ROUGHLY FORMED 4 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ALL INDIA STORAGE CAPACITY. CURRENTLY ABOUT 55,000 TONS ARE LYING AT VARIOUS INDIAN PORTS.

D) UTILIZATION OF STORAGE CAPACITY LARGELY DEPENDS UPON PRODUCTION. STORAGE IS IN THE NATURE OF A CURVE. STOCKS START MOUNTING FROM NOVEMBER-APRIL/MAY (CRUSHING SEASON) AND  
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THEN DIMINISH IN THE SUBSEQUENT PERIOD. MONTHWISE ENDING STOCKS WERE:

NOVEMBER 1976 - 0.7 MILLION TONS

DECEMBER 1976 - 1.2 MILLION TONS

JANUARY 1977 - 1.9 MILLION TONS

FEBRUARY 1977 - 2.5 MILLION TONS

MARCH 1977 - - 2.9 MILLION TONS

APRIL 1977 - 3.0 MILLION TONS

MAY 1977 - 2.8 MILLION TONS

(E) AS WHITE SUGAR.

(F) ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW STORE OF ABOUT  
50,000 ONE QUINTAL BAGS (BAG SIZE 112 CM LONG, 67.5 CM  
WIDE AND WEIGHING EMPTY ABOUT 1.2 KG.) RANGES BETWEEN  
RS.500,000 TO 1,000,000.

(G)(H) RENTED STORAGE FACILITY READILY AVAILABLE. TOTAL  
COST OF SERVICING WORKS OUT ROUGHLY RS.5.0 TO RS.5.50 PER  
BAG PER MONTH TAKING THE VALUE OF SUGAR AT RS.1.35 PER LB.  
NO DETAILS DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO (G) AVAILABLE.

NOTE: ONE DOLLAR EQUALS RS.8.75.GOHEEN

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